

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled)

26. (New) A housing for connecting a portable smart device to a terminal device, comprising:

an opening that defines a functional position for communicating with the smart device when the smart device is received in said opening;

an input connecting means for connecting with said smart device when the smart device is located at said functional position, so as to receive data from said smart device;

an output connecting means for transmitting said received data to said terminal device; and

a transparent portion for allowing at least a portion of said smart device to be visible therethrough when said smart device is located at said functional position and connected to said input connector.

27. (New) The housing of Claim 26, further comprising at least one electronic component for interfacing between said smart device and said terminal device, said input connector and said at least one electronic component forming a component set.

28. (New) The housing of Claim 27, wherein said smart device comprises a smart card, and said functional position comprises a pair of longitudinal slides.

29. (New) The housing of Claim 28, further comprising a pair of arms respectively connecting said pair of longitudinal slides to said component set.

30. (New) The housing of Claim 29, wherein said pair of arms cooperate to form a V shape.

31. (New) The housing of Claim 26, wherein said transparent portion comprises a molded plastic material.

32. (New) A housing for connecting a chip card having opposed top and bottom faces to a terminal device, comprising:

- an opening that defines a functional position for communicating with the card when the card is received in said opening;

- an input connecting means for connecting with said card when the card is located at said functional position, so as to receive data from said card;

- an output connecting means for transmitting data to said terminal device; and

- a transparent portion for allowing at least a portion of said opposed top face of said card and at least a portion of said opposed bottom face of said card to be visible therethrough when said card is located at said functional position and connected to said input connector.

33. (New) The housing of Claim 32, further comprising at least one electronic component for interfacing between said card and said terminal device, said input connector and said at least one electronic component forming a component set.

34. (New) The housing of Claim 33, wherein said functional position comprises a pair of longitudinal slides.

35. (New) The housing of Claim 34, further comprising a pair of arms respectively connecting said pair of longitudinal slides to said component set.

36. (New) The housing of Claim 35, wherein said pair of arms cooperate to form a V shape.

37. (New) The housing of Claim 32, wherein said transparent portion comprises a molded plastic material.

38. (New) A housing for establishing a communication link between a chip card and an external terminal device, comprising:

a functional position for receiving the chip card so as to establish a communication link between the chip card and the external terminal device; and

a part at least partially covering said functional position, wherein said part comprises a transparent or translucent material.

39. (New) The housing of Claim 38, wherein said functional position comprises an internal electrical connector.

40. (New) The housing of Claim 38, further comprising connection means for establishing the communication link with the external terminal device.